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C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 8418

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, ETRD, PK, GATT

SUBJECT: MFA OFFICIAL RAISES GATT/BOP CONSULTATIONS WITH  
AMBASSADOR WELLS

REF: ISLAMABAD 7416; STATE 172100

1. IN THE COURSE OF AN OTHERWISE AMICABLE CONVERSATION ABOUT ECONOMIC ISSUES LIKELY TO ARISE IN A UN FRAMEWORK WITH AMBASSADOR WELLS, (REFTEL, ADDITIONAL FOREIGN SECRETARY NIAZ NAIK SAID HE WAS DISTURBED THAT THE US WAS BEGINNING TO SINGLE OUT PAKISTAN FOR UNFRIENDLY ACTIONS. HE SAID THAT WE ARE BEGINNING TO APPLY THE SYMINGTON AMENDMENT AND WE ALONE HAD INSISTED ON FULL GATT BALANCE OF PAYMENTS CONSULTATIONS WITH PAKISTAN. PAKISTAN WAS THE ONLY RECENT EXAMPLE OF OUR INSTENCE ON FULL SCALE CONSULTATIONS. IN EVERY OTHER CASE THIS YEAR, WE HAVE BEEN SATISFIED WITH MINI-CONSULTATIONS. ALL LDC'S HAVE BALANCE OF PAYMENT PROBLEMS AND THE PRACTICE OF THE WORLD IS TO BE TOLERANT. WE ARE SINGLING OUT PAKISTAN TO PUT IN THE DOCK, AND WE MUST HAVE HAD A REASON FOR DOING GO.

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2. IN REPLY, EMBASSY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, WHO PARTICIPATED IN DISCUSSIONS, ASSURED NAIK THAT THERE WAS NO POLITICAL INTENT AND THAT PAKISTAN WAS NOT BEING SINGLED OUT. THE US GOVERNMENT IS A FIRM DEFENDER OF THE GATT AND HAD BEEN INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT EROSION OF GATT SAFEGUARDS THROUGH MINI-CONSULTATIONS. IT WAS MERELY UNFORTUNATE THAT PAKISTAN'S CASE CAME ALONG AT THE TIME WE WERE MAKING

A STAND IN PRINCIPLE. FURTHERMORE, A FULL SCALE REVIEW OF PAKISTAN'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS' RESTRICTIONS HAD NOT BEEN UNDERTAKEN SINCE 1969. NOT ONLY HAVE NUMEROUS CHANGES TAKEN PLACE IN PAKISTAN'S IMPORT REGIME, BUT THE TIME PERIOD SINCE REVIEW IN PAKISTAN'S CASE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY LONGER THAN WITH THE OTHER COUNTRIES THAT HAD MINI-CONSULTATIONS. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT HE HAD PARTICIPATED IN A FULL SCALE DISCUSSION OF INDIAN BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS RESTRICTIONS AND COULD TESTIFY THAT THEY ARE CONDUCTED IN A SYMPATHETIC AND CONSTRUCTIVE WAY. PAKISTAN WOULD IN NO SENSE BE "IN THE DOCK".

3. NAIK WAS OPENLY SKEPTICAL. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT CONVINCED THAT US MOTIVE WAS NOT POLITICAL.  
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